

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Categorization of Non-Nuclear Generation- Related Sunk Costs Eligible for Recovery in the Competition Transition Charge.	Application 96-08-001 (Filed August 1, 1996)
Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company to Identify and Value the Sunk Costs of its Non-Nuclear Generation Assets.	Application 96-08-006 (Filed August 1, 1996)
Application of Southern California Edison Company to Identify and Value the Sunk Costs of its Non-Nuclear Generation Assets, in Compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 25 of D.95-12-063 (as modified by D.96-01-009 and D.96-03-022).	Application 96-08-007 (Filed August 1, 1996)
Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company To Establish the Competition Transition Charge.	Application 96-08-070 (Filed August 30, 1996)
In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Edison Company to estimate its Transition Costs as of January 1, 1998 in Compliance with Ordering Paragraph 26 of D.95-12-063 (as modified by D.96-01-009 and D.96-03-022), and related changes.	Application 96-08-071 (Filed August 30, 1996)
Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company to Estimate Transition Costs and to Establish a Transition Cost Balancing Account.	Application 96-08-072 (Filed August 30, 1996)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
REQUESTING COMMENTS ON CLOSING PROCEEDINGS**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed these applications pursuant to Decision (D.) 95-12-063, as modified by D.96-01-009, the policy decision issued in the Commission's electric restructuring rulemaking and investigation, R.94-04-031 and I.94-04-032, and pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1890 (Stats.1996, Ch. 854). The Commission and the Legislature recognized that in the transition to a competitive generation electricity market, it was possible that certain utility generation-related assets and obligations would prove to become uneconomic, or stranded. These are also known as transition costs. Since these proceedings were initiated, the Commission issued D.96-09-032, D.97-06-060, D.97-11-064, D.97-12-039, D.98-04-028, D.98-04-065, D.98-12-067, and D.99-02-044 in these dockets.

I believe that the passage of time and the events of the last two years have rendered any remaining issues moot, or such issues are being considered in other proceedings. For example, while there may be issues to sort through regarding the recovery of transition costs and the impact of AB 6X (Stats. 2001, Ch. 2) regarding how such costs should be considered, these issues are being addressed in the Rate Stabilization Plan proceedings, Application (A.) 00-11-038 et al. In addition, certain aspects of ongoing transition costs are being considered in Rulemaking (R.) 02-01-001. Therefore, I believe that these proceedings should be closed.

Parties may file comments that address the need to continue with these proceedings. If parties believe that these proceedings should remain open, they should provide specific details on issues that remain to be considered. Comments are due on October 21, 2002 and reply comments are due on October 31, 2002.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. Parties may file and serve comments that address the need to continue with these proceedings. If parties believe that these proceedings should remain open, they shall provide specific details on issues that remain to be considered.

2. Comments are due on October 21, 2002 and reply comments are due on October 31, 2002.

Dated October 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANGELA K. MINKIN

Angela K. Minkin

Assistant Chief

Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requesting Comments on Closing Proceedings on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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**N O T I C E**

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.